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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, VS

SUBJECT: MRS. NGO BA THANH

REF: SAIGON 10959 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONTINUING EFFORTS REGARD-  
ING CASE OF MRS. THANH. IN VIEW OF HIGH INTEREST HERE,  
IT IS EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO US TO HAVE LATEST INFORMATION.

2. GVN IS, OF COURSE, AWARE FROM PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS  
WITH EMBASSY ( E. G., SAIGON 10211, SAIGON 8555, SAIGON  
7859) OF WIDESPREAD U. S. AND INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN  
MRS. THANH. WE ALSO ASSUME GVN REALIZES HER RELEASE  
TO PRG WOULD ENGENDER STRONG ADVERSE REACTION IN U. S.,  
INCLUDING CONGRESS. WE ESTIMATE PREVAILING VIEW HERE

LIKELY TO BE THAT MRS. THANH NOT PROPERLY WITHIN CATEGORY  
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OF DETAINEES TO BE RELEASED TO PRG UNDER ARTICLE 8( C)  
OF A8 REEMENT AND THAT GVN JUST USING THIS ARTICLE AS  
PRETEXT TO SILENCE OPPOSITION. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY  
POOR TIME TO ENGENDER THIS KIND OF ILL WILL.

3. MOST RECENT GVN PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING GVN DECISION  
TO RELEASE MRS. THANH TO PRG ( SAIGON 10153) INDICATES  
THAT GVN INDIFFERENT AS TO WHETHER MRS. THANH LEAVES SVN  
TO TAKE UP OFFER OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL AND

THAT WHETHER OR NOT SHE DOES SO WOULD DEPEND ON HER  
WISHES AND THOSE OF PRG AND USG. MRS. THANH HAS NOW  
INDICATED HER DESIRE TO ACCEPT COLUMBIA OFFER. ( SAIGON  
9750). FYI. WE ASSUME MRS. THANH WISHES TO FOLLOW  
THIS COURSE EVEN WITHOUT GVN ASSURANCES OF RE- ENTRY SVN.  
END FYI. IN VIEW MRS. THANH' S DESIRE TO ACCEPT OFFER  
WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CONVEY TO GVN AT  
HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL WILLINGNESS ON PART OF USG TO  
EXPEDITIOUSLY PROCESS AND SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDER A  
VISA APPLICATION FROM MRS. THANH AND OUR VIEW THAT IT  
WOULD BE IN BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED TO SETTLE  
THIS MATTER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND WITHOUT BRINGING  
PRG INTO PICTURE. RUSH

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